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Brig. General Robert N. Smith  
Director of Intelligence  
Headquarters, Strategic Air Command  
Offutt Air Force Base  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear General Smith:

Yesterday I organized and chaired a discussion amongst the people who visited your Headquarters last week. I was gratified with the enthusiasm the visit had generated and with the high praise they had for your personnel and organization.

It appears as though the first bridge has been successfully crossed in our planned set of cross-visits. I hope they will continue as they are rich and rewarding to all concerned and show promise of helping each of us to better handle the separate missions with which we are charged.

My visit, I feel, was particularly helpful to me in updating my knowledge of SAC's progress over the years. I was amazed and pleasantly surprised at the giant strides your shop has made in the photo, EDP and electronic fields. Your organization and your dedicated people certainly should make you proud of them and the role you are all playing in the destiny of our country during this vital period of history.

I would like to personally thank you and all of the members of your staff who so generously gave their time to me so that I might receive the maximum amount of information in the shortest time. The helicopter trip was a new experience for me that I will long remember. Especially I am grateful to Major Ruley who acted as my Aide and Guide. He did an outstanding job.

In closing we here at NPIC would like to wish you, your family and your staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy, fruitful New Year.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Lundahl  
Director